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SUBJECT: SWEDES ON DISARMAMENT AND HUMANITARIAN WAR

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1. MFA DEPUTY POLITICAL CHIEF EDELSTAM OUTLINED SWEDEN'S PLANS FOR PUSHING VARIOUS DISARMAMENT MEASURES TO EMBOFF OCT. 17. SWEDES INTEND MOSTLY PUSH FOR OUTLAWING AREA BOMBING, NAPALM AND HIGH-VELOCITY WEAPONS IN UPCOMING MULTILATERAL FORA, BUT ALSO INTEND KEEPING PRESSURE UP IN CBW AND NUCLEAR TEST BAN AREAS.

2. MFA LEGAL ADVISOR HANS BLIX WILL BE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR AND MAN-ON-SPOT IN NEW YORK, TEHRAN, AND GENEVA WITH EDELSTAM AND TEAM OF EXPERTS BACKSTOPPING IN STOCKHOLM. BLIX ARRIVES NY OCT 22. SWEDES HAVE PREPARED DRAFT RESOLUTION TO PRESENT TO COMITE I WHICH THEY ARE SURE WILL PASS "WITHOUT DIFFICULTY" THROUGH UNGA. RESOLUTION URGES FEBRUARY GENEVA DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO A) AGREE  
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UPON TWO ICRC DRAFT PROTOCOLS TO GENEVA CONVENTION AND

B) AGREE UPON FURTHER PROTOCOLS OUTLAWING AREA-BOMBING, NAPALM AND HIGH-VELOCITY WEAPONS. DRAFT RESOLUTION WILL BE CIRCULATED END OF THIS WEEK. EDELSTAM IS WORRIED THAT MIDEAST CRISIS WILL COMPLICATE UNGA PROCESS AND THAT PERHAPS AFRO-ASIAN-ARAB BLOC WILL ATTEMPT ATTACH COMPLICATIONS AND SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ISRAEL WHICH IS REPORTEDLY USING NAPALM IN PRESENT CONFLICT. SWEDEN WILL STAUNCHLY RESIST SUCH "TEMPORAL" COMPLICATIONS IN ATTEMPT TO KEEP RESOLUTION "CLEAN" AND "UNIVERSAL".

3. SWEDES INTEND PUSH FOR RESOLUTION AT TEHRAN URGING DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO CONCLUDE PROTOCOLS ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, BUT EDELSTAM SAID THAT SWEDES HAVE NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING WITH POSITIVE ACTION AT TEHRAN CONFERENCE AND WILL "FEEL THEIR WAY ALONG" IN THAT MEETING.

4. SWEDES HAVE CONCLUDED THAT BEST CHANCES OF SUCCESS IN OUTLAWING NAPALM ETC. WILL BE AT GENEVA DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. THEY "SENSE" THAT USG WILL NOT BE AVERSE TO POSITIVE ACTION IF SOME KIND OF CONSENSUS CAN BE ACHIEVED. EMBOFF QUERIED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE WISE TO PLAN A SERIES OF CONFERENCES, WITH SUBCOMMITTEES MEETING IN BETWEEN TO WORK ON DRAFTS, ETC. EDELSTAM SAID SWEDES STRONGLY OPPOSE SUCH A MOVE, BECAUSE THIS WILL PROBABLY SHELVE THE MATTER FOREVER. HOWEVER, IF SOME PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN FEBRUARY, A SUBSEQUENT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE WITH DEFINITE DATE MIGHT NOT BE OUT OF THE QUESTION.

5. ON CBW AND NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT SWEDES WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS HARD EVEN THOUGH MRS. MYRDAL IS RETIRING. EDELSTAM DID NOT GO INTO DETAILS ON SWEDISH PLANS IN THESE AREAS BEYOND REMARKING THAT THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED AT LACK OF PROGRESS IN CCD.

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